

OPINION 1878

Paraphronima crassipes Claus, 1879 (Crustacea, Amphipoda): specific name conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *pedestris* Guérin-Méneville, 1836, as published in the binomen *Hyperia pedestris*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *crassipes* Claus, 1879, as published in the binomen *Paraphronima crassipes*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *pedestris* Guérin-Méneville, 1836, as published in the binomen *Hyperia pedestris* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2952

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Paraphronima crassipes* Claus, 1879 was received from Dr Wolfgang Zeidler (*South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia*) on 12 September 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 310–312 (December 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 311. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Macpherson, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Schuster, Song

Negative votes — 3: Lehtinen, Mahnert and Štys.

No votes were received from Cogger, Nielsen and Savage.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Mahnert commented: 'In this case priority should apply since the taxon seems to be without interest to non-specialists of Amphipoda. The recent references that are cited are highly specialized'. Štys commented: 'Why should we support the suppression of the specific name of *Hyperia pedestris* which is not a threat, at least at the moment? The author of the application has noted twice that the synonymy with *Paraphronima crassipes* is only "most likely"'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- crassipes*, *Paraphronima*, Claus, 1879, *Arbeiten aus dem Zoologischen Institut der Universität Wien*, 2: 65.
pedestris, *Hyperia*, Guérin-Méneville, 1836, *Iconographie du Règne Animal de G. Cuvier*, vol. 2, Crustacés, pl. 25, fig. 6.